

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
February 2, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at the Jasper Arts Center. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Norma Kreilein, Gary Moeller, Sherry Monesmith, Kendall Martin, Don Weisheit, Nanette Parsons and Mickey Seger. **Commission Members Absent:** Greg Stoner and Pat Thyen. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Amy Laakman, Donna Schepers, Karen Grewe, Dalesse Bowles. **Regional Services Coordinator:** Lisa McSpadden. **City Attorney:** Sandy Hemmerlein. **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter Kasey Hawrysz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Robin Norris** moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Kendall Martin** moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Nanette Parsons** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kit reported.

- January was a very busy month. She and Donna attended APAP. They saw some very good things and are sharing them with the Performing Arts Committee.
- The Kuttner String Quartet performed at JAC. It was well attended.
- Al Simmons performed here last weekend at the schools and a public performance. Several children who saw the show on Friday during school returned to see the public performance. Mr. Simmons donated a DVD and three CDs to the Jasper Public Library.
- We finally received our money from the state. Kit and Dalesse attended Arts Day at the State House. All the State Senators and Representatives were invited.
- Kit asked for permission to seek quotes for the Season Guides. **Don Weisheit** moved to give permission to seek quotes for the Season Guides. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Kit stated the upcoming season is our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She asked for volunteers for a 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee. Mike Jones and Norma Kreilein volunteered.

**Building and Structure Report**

Doreen reported.

- Spectrum Sound started today on speaker installation. The company plans to complete the work by Friday. Spectrum Sound then plans to return next week for fine tuning and testing.
- JCAC recently received a bill for work completed on the chiller last August. This will come out of the repair line.

**Education Report**

Donna reported.

- Donna passed around a program from Indiana Arts Day.
- She reported she was in New York @ APAP working on performing arts programming and education programming.
- Education programming does build audiences. Donna reported parents called for tickets to attend the Al Simmons public performance after their children saw the school performances.

- February starts off with Project, giving two performances at Jasper High School on Thursday. Two performances of *Most Valuable Player* will be presented for middle school students on February 19. It is the story of Jackie Robinson. This is in celebration of black history month. KJ Denhert, jazz singer, will be here later in February for a public performance and a master class at the high school. She is bringing several of her musicians with her.
- Donna welcomed Sherry Monesmith and Mickey Seger as two new members on the education committee. She also has two new community members on the education committee as well.

### **Visual Arts Report**

Amy reported.

- The University of Southern Indiana reception was well attended. Amy stated she had a lot of young people in attendance, including current high school students and former students who are attending USI.
- She is getting ready for workshops.
- Amy reported Jacinta Wuerth has joined the Visual Arts Committee.
- Amy put out a call for artists. She is getting ready for portfolio review. We have a pool of artists from around the county, Canada, and Mexico. She is advertising on the web, colleges and universities, and the magazine *Art Calendar*. She anticipates receiving approximately 300 submissions. The visual arts committee will review and choose the artists for exhibit in 2011. The visual arts committee is planning something for the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration also.
- The current exhibit is Barbara Cade. She is a fiber artist. Her work is wonderful. Amy invited the board to visit the gallery to view the exhibit.

### **Project Coordinator Report**

Dalesse reported.

- Dalesse asked for permission to seek quotes for t-shirts and brochures for Chalk Walk. Sandy Hemmerlein briefed the new board members on the city ordinance regarding the process for asking for quotes for purchasing. **Robin Norris** moved to give permission to seek quotes for the t-shirts and brochures. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Dalesse met with the Downtown Merchants. They have agreed to pay 50% of the cost for the Chalk Walk bags.
- Thanks to Amy we have co-chairpersons for the Arts Market committee for Chalk Walk. Susi Williams and Corina Mack, The Copper Box, will share duties with Corina serving as liaison with the Downtown Merchants Association.
- Dalesse reported she still needs a Volunteer Coordinator and a Hospitality Coordinator for Chalk Walk. She asked the board to get the word out. Tri Kappa and The Optimists organizations were suggested as a source for some lead volunteers. Sherry Monesmith will talk with Tri Kappa.

### **Region 11 Report**

Lisa reported.

- INteract group had its first meeting this month since last June. Lisa briefed the new board members on INteract. The next meeting of INteract will feature a speaker on budgeting and will be held in February.
- Fiscal year 2011 grant is being worked on now. The regional advisory council is getting together to approve any changes. A retreat is being held tomorrow to work on the 2011 grant.
- Training sessions for Region 11 will be held for individual artists or organizations wanting to apply for that grant. The sessions will be held in Orange County on February 8, Crawford County on February 9 and Perry County on February 10.
- Kit reported she and Lisa will be attending the retreat in Columbus. Kit briefed the new board members on the regional partnership process. The regional partnership process may be in trouble due to state budget cuts. Several partnerships have collapsed. So everything may go back to the state.

Sherry Monesmith left the meeting at 5:30.

**Old Business**

- Don Weisheit attended the last City Council meeting. He thanked them for their support and asked for their continued support.

**New Business**

- Mike reported that Guidestar is the largest single organization in the world that compiles data for 501-c-3 corporations. It had New Year's Resolutions for board members last month. Mike handed these out to the board members.
- Mike asked if the new board members have seen the plans for the building expansion. They had not so Kit will get information out to them.

**Adjournment**

**Nanette Parsons** moved to adjourn at 5:34 p.m. **Don Weisheit** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

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**Mike Jones**

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**Attested**